

PRELIMINARY AGENDA-- 2010 BLM National Landscape Conservation System Summit – PRELIMINARY AGENDA

<u>Monday, 11/15/10 – 7:00 AM</u>	<u>Tuesday, 11/16/10 – 8:00 AM</u>	<u>Wednesday, 11/17/10 – 8:00 AM</u>	<u>Thursday, 11/18/10 – 8:00 AM</u>
<p>7:00 AM Exhibits and Conference Registration, in the foyer of Marquis Ballroom, Conference Center</p> <p align="center">SETTING THE STAGE Plenary Session - Marquis Ballroom</p> <p align="center"><i>With BLM and Partners</i></p> <p>8:30-8:45 AM – Opening Remarks – <i>Carl Rountree , Director of Office of National Landscape Conservation System and Community Partnerships</i></p> <p>8:45-9:00 AM - Welcome- <i>Ron Wenker, BLM Nevada State Director</i></p> <p>9:00-9:30 AM – Remarks (Preview new NLCS video) – <i>Bob Abbey, BLM Director</i></p> <p>9:30-9:55 AM – Remarks – <i>Wilma Lewis, DOI Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management (Invited)</i></p> <p>9:55-10:25 AM – Keynote Address: <i>A Vision for the Future of NLCS – Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar (Invited)</i></p> <p>10:25-10:45 AM – Break</p> <p>10:45 AM-12 Noon – PANEL: The NLCS – Celebrating the First 10 Years: A Look at its Creation, Its Purpose and Its Evolution (or, Where/What It is Today). <i>Moderator: Mike Pool</i></p> <p>(How and why the NLCS was created; The purpose the NLCS serves; the values it protects/enhances; What BLM and its partners have accomplished; What remains to be done, or done better.)</p> <p>12 Noon-1:00 PM - Lunch on your own</p>	<p>Exhibits in the foyer of Marquis Ballroom, Conference Center</p> <p align="center">SETTING THE STAGE Plenary Session – Marquis Ballroom</p> <p>8:00-8:30 AM – Concurrent Focus Group Topics</p> <p align="center">CONCURRENT FOCUS GROUPS</p> <p align="center"><i>With BLM and Partners</i></p> <p>9:00-10:30 AM Summit attendees can attend up to four of the facilitated concurrent focus groups; purpose to flesh out and further define topic areas; identify opportunities and challenges; identify actions to capitalize on opportunities and overcome challenges.</p> <p><i>1) Balancing Resource Protection and Use</i></p> <p><i>2) Integration of Scientific Research and Management</i></p> <p><i>3) Building and Sustaining Partnerships</i></p> <p><i>4) Raising Awareness of the NLCS</i></p> <p><i>5) Engaging the Public Through Education and Interpretation</i></p> <p><i>6) Connecting with Local Communities</i></p>	<p>Exhibits in the foyer of Marquis Ballroom, Conference Center</p> <p align="center">FOCUS GROUPS RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p align="center"><i>With BLM</i></p> <p>8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon – Summit attendees attend one of the facilitated focus group sessions: overview of Tuesday’s discussion; develop recommendations for implementing the ideas and suggestions generated in the Focus Area Sessions; prioritize recommendations from sessions for presentation on Thursday.</p> <p><i>1) Balancing Resource Protection and Use</i></p> <p><i>2) Integration of Scientific Research and Management</i></p> <p><i>3) Building and Sustaining Partnerships</i></p> <p><i>4) Raising Awareness of the NLCS</i></p> <p><i>5) Engaging the Public Through Education and Interpretation</i></p> <p><i>6) Connecting with Local Communities</i></p> <p><i>7) Engaging Youth</i></p>	<p align="center">REPORTING, RECOMMENDATIONS, NEXT STEPS Plenary Session - Marquis Ballroom</p> <p align="center"><i>With BLM</i></p> <p>8:00-8:15 AM – Welcome and review of day’s objectives – <i>Carl Rountree, Director of Office of National Landscape Conservation System and Community Partnerships</i></p> <p>8:15 AM-10:00 AM – Reporting out and Discussion of Focus Group Findings and Recommendations</p> <p>10:00-10:15 AM – Break</p> <p>10:15-11:30 AM – BLM Open Session: Comments and Questions</p> <p>11:30 AM–12 Noon - Wrap Up and Next Steps - <i>Carl Rountree and Bob Abbey</i></p> <p>12 Noon–NLCS Summit Adjourned</p> <p>1:30 PM – Meet in hotel lobby for Optional field trip to Red Rocks National Conservation Area</p> <p>2:00 PM – Arrive Red Rocks NCA</p> <p>4:30 PM – Depart for JW Marriott</p> <p>5:00 PM - Arrive JW Marriott</p>

<p>1:00 – 2:30 PM – PANEL: Setting the Stage for the Next 10 Years & Beyond</p> <p>[Growth: Threats it poses to the NLCS and other special areas; Challenges BLM and Federal partners face; Changing user needs/demands; Better meeting the needs of communities]</p> <p>2:30-3:00 PM – Outcomes of the Boulder event; Science Symposium; and State 10th Anniversary celebrations</p> <p>3:00- 3:30 PM – Break</p> <p>3:30-4:30 PM – Topics of Concurrent Focus Groups – <i>Patty Limerick, Center of the American West, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO</i></p> <p>[Large, facilitated session to tie the challenges and tomorrow’s concurrent discussions together with the Focus Group Topics; laying out the process for the next day’s activities and the products expected to be produced]</p> <p>4:30 PM - Adjourn</p> <p>6:30 PM - Reception. Special Guest: TBD; Valencia Ballroom</p>	<p>7) Engaging Youth</p> <p>10:30–10:45 AM Break</p> <p>10:45 AM – 12 Noon – Concurrent Focus Groups continued</p> <p>12 Noon – 1 PM Lunch on Your Own</p> <p>1:00-2:30 PM – Concurrent Focus Groups continued</p> <p>2:30 – 3:00 PM Break</p> <p>3:00-4:30 PM – Concurrent Focus Groups continued</p> <p>4:30 PM – Concurrent Focus Groups End</p> <p>6:30 PM - Dinner with Guest Speaker –Valencia Ballroom</p>	<p>8) Building a Shared Commitment</p> <p>12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM Lunch on Your Own</p> <p>1:00 – 2:30 PM - Plenary Session in Marquis Ballroom; Reporting on progress of Focus Group Discussions.</p> <p>2:30– 3:00 PM Break</p> <p>3:00– 4:30 PM – Focus Groups complete work on findings and recommendations to be presented on Thursday.</p> <p>4:30 PM – Focus Groups End</p> <p>Dinner on your own</p>	
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FOCUS GROUP STATEMENTS

Focus Group 1: Balancing Resource Protection and Use

Focus Group Lead: Jim Abbott; Co-lead: Bob Ratcliffe

Statement: The BLM is charged with conserving, protecting, and restoring the nationally significant landscapes. The BLM also manages these lands for a variety of compatible uses and valid existing rights. Balancing these various uses can be complicated and challenging.

The discussions for this group will focus on why some units are more successful than others in balancing protection and compatible land uses; how BLM can better balance the protection of the values and resources with compatible land uses; what conditions have uses such as grazing proved compatible with NLCS goals, and when have they not been compatible; what role does NLCS have in providing outdoor recreation including accessibility, hunting, and motorized and human powered activities; and what management strategies will better balance and manage appropriate motorized (and mountain bike) access to roads, trails, and NLCS lands?

Focus Group 2: Integration of Scientific Research and Management

Focus Group Lead: Marietta Eaton

Statement: The National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) seeks to use science to understand the resources it has been charged to conserve, protect and restore. From systematic data collection to establishing theoretical and methodological approaches for conducting research on public lands, the NLCS' nascent science program needs a more focused approach. The vast outdoor laboratory of the NLCS allows us to design and implement projects based on data, and rigorous analytical and statistical methods. Discussions in this group will help identify pragmatic approaches to further integrate science and management are crucial, including identification of barriers, use of BLM business processes, understanding risks, integrating social science and training and education for managers.

Focus Group 3: Building and Sustaining Partnerships

Focus Group Lead: Trevor Needham

Statement: Working with others is an increasingly important way for the BLM to leverage limited resources to address agency priorities, foster critical community-level support, meaningfully engage communities and stakeholders in stewardship activities, and resolve complex natural and cultural resource management issues. NLCS is well-positioned to support and benefit from partnerships, collaborative ventures, and the services of volunteers.

Questions to be addressed throughout this track include: What factors contribute to successful NLCS partnerships and how can they be fostered across the system? Where are the growth opportunities for NLCS partnerships? What

barriers/challenges exist to developing and sustaining successful NLCS partnerships, and what actions and steps are needed from BLM to address and overcome them?

Focus Group 4: Raising the Awareness of the NLCS

Focus Group Leads: Jeff Krauss and Bonnie Winslow

Statement: The public is often aware of individual NLCS areas especially those in their own backyard, but in general few Americans know what NLCS is, and that these lands are managed for conservation purposes by the Bureau of Land Management. Internally, offices and BLM employees may not understand the NLCS and its role in BLM's multiple use mission.

The discussions for this group will focus on what BLM can do to raise the public's and BLM employees' awareness of the NLCS as part of the BLM's mission and legacy; how we can best integrate the NLCS into BLM's overall image; how we can work with other groups and partners to facilitate success; and how to standardize BLM signing for all NLCS units.

Focus Group 5: Engaging the Public in NLCS through Education and Interpretation

Focus Group Leads: Megg Heath and Brianna Candelaria

Statement: NLCS lands host prime resources for natural and cultural resource education and interpretation. Defining how best to use these programs is important: they connect the visitor to the resources, enhance understanding of resource management issues, and build public interest, and ultimately serve the NLCS itself. Public support can help the NLCS build a stronger identity and gain wider recognition through "word of mouth," and may also encourage increased funding from Congress.

Among the questions to be considered are: How can NLCS lands be used as a context for interpretation and education programs? What types of interpretation and education programs should be made available, and how should they be delivered? What are the essential components for effective NLCS-wide educational and interpretive programs? What role should local communities play in providing education and interpretation programs?

Focus Group 6: Connecting With Local Communities

Focus Group Lead: Chris McAlear

Statement: When the National Landscape Conservation System was established in 2000, it was envisioned that the areas would be managed in partnership with surrounding communities. Communities would provide infrastructure such as visitor services, food, and lodging and would take part in public planning processes and community involvement. By developing a partnership with local communities, the NLCS and the community benefit through committed stewards, economic opportunities, and protected values.

Discussions for this group will focus on how do we work closely with local communities, interest groups, tribes, elected officials, and local and regional entities when promoting and developing these sites and exploring ways to direct and control change in an environmentally and socially responsive manner. We will also focus on developing and identifying roles and opportunities for non-profit, community/local government, and commercial recreation providers to partner with NLCS in engaging visitors, providing services, facilitating access, and educating or informing visitors.

Focus Group 7: Engaging Youth
Focus Group Lead: Betsy Wooster

Statement: NLCS has a unique opportunity to become a model for the BLM by engaging young people from early childhood through the school-age years, by employing young people in a wide range of resource-specific projects, and encouraging pursuit of natural and cultural resource careers.

Among the questions to be considered are: How can NLCS engage diverse youth at all stages of their lives? How can NLCS work with BLM resource programs to meet management objectives while also providing opportunities for youth education, engagement, and employment? What roles can partners play to assist in this important task? What factors contribute to successful youth education, engagement, and employment programs in NLCS areas?

FOCUS GROUP 8 will engage in discussion only on Wednesday, November 17

Focus Group 8: Building a Shared Commitment
Focus Group Lead: Jim Kenna

The NLCS is one of the few BLM programs to address specific areas of land rather than resources or activities. NLCS units, while part of a system, are managed within larger field offices, districts, and states. The majority of BLM's business and reporting systems, as well as the chain of command, are focused at the field office level or greater. In some cases this can lead to inconsistencies and inefficiencies within the Conservation System.

This focus group will consider such challenging issues as consistency of management between NLCS units and whether consistency is necessary for effective management; the relationship between NLCS units and other BLM-managed areas; and how the role of NLCS within BLM's multiple use mission is understood at various levels of the organization.

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